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Plant Guide for Townsville Gardens





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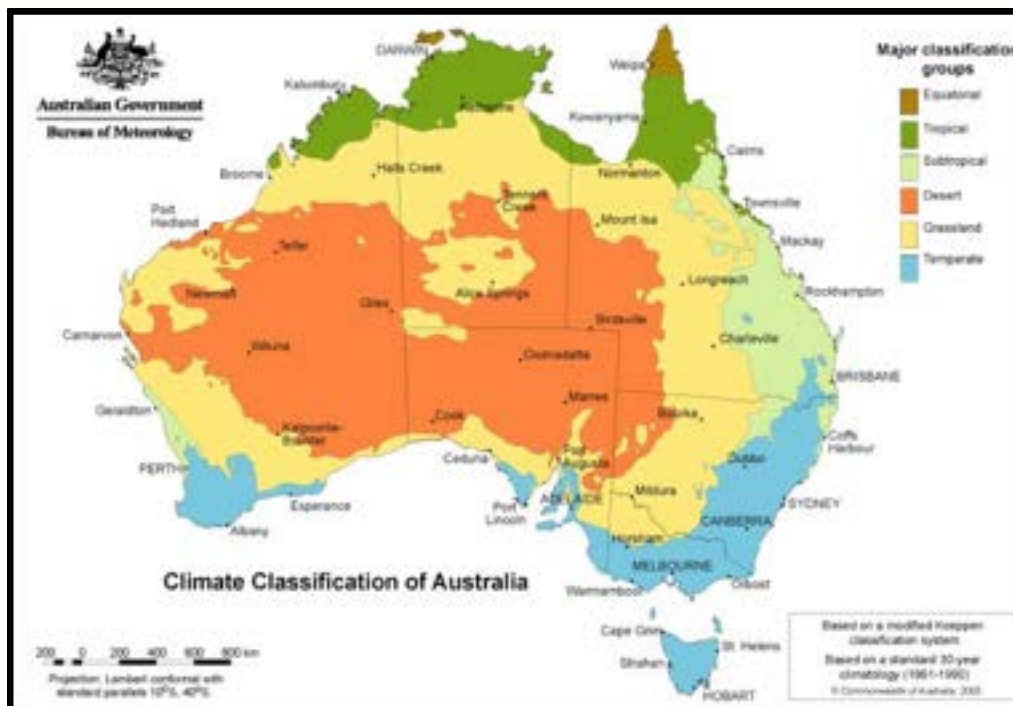
We want to help you love your garden and share your garden's success as it evolves over time.

What your garden looks like in a year or 10 years from now will be very different from the start you make with us at the nursery. A little planning and inspiration can make all the difference to the end result, so we have put together a guide with suggestions for plants suited to our climate and that work with different styles of garden design.

Thank you for supporting our little local business. We look forward to helping you create your beautiful personal oasis here in the tropics.



The Townsville Climate



The Climate Classification of Australia map shows Australia's climate zones. Garden zone guides on seed packets are based on this information, but in a simplified way.

Townsville sits in the tropical zone, more specifically the **dry tropics**. We experience high temperatures, but less rainfall than areas further north. Average rainfall is around **500–1000 mm per year**, compared with up to 2000 mm in the wet tropics. Local conditions matter.

Townsville is also where several climate zones meet. **Tropical, subtropical and grassland zones** come together here. This can be seen in the surrounding vegetation – closed forests on cooler, wetter mountains such as Paluma and Mount Elliott, open forests closer to the coast, and grasslands and savanna further inland toward Charters Towers.

These patterns influence how gardens grow across Townsville. Plant success depends on temperature, rainfall, soil type and how much sun a site receives. These factors affect which plants will thrive and which will struggle.

For most of the year, Townsville is hot and dry. Winter is slightly cooler and drier, and summer brings very hot weather and heavy rainfall. Conditions vary across the region, and this variation affects how plants perform.

Understanding these differences helps guide plant selection and garden planning in Townsville.



PLANTS FOR GARDENS

in the Townsville region

The following guide suggests plants that will happily grow in Townsville conditions and are suited to the following garden design styles.

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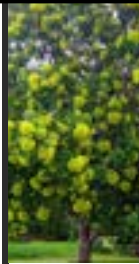

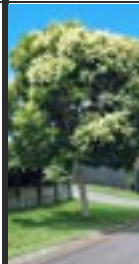


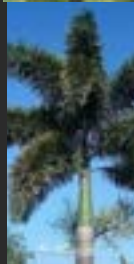
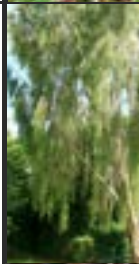


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Coastal

Coastal gardens are relaxed, informal spaces that connect visually to the horizon and ocean beyond. Layered plantings of drought-, wind-, and salt-tolerant plants create a low-maintenance garden that's easy to enjoy. Informal layouts, natural textures, and hardy materials reflect the seaside environment, while soft coastal colours and resilient plants help create a calm, breezy landscape that blends naturally with its surroundings.









Trees

	<p>Olive tree <i>Olea sp.</i></p> <p>Ht: 4-6m W: to 4m</p> <p>Bushy grey/ green foliage with an open airy canopy. The trunk of the tree becomes twisted and gnarly with age. Olives are grown as an ornamental tree in the tropics as fruiting is less reliable in a tropical climate. Olives love full sun and free draining soils.</p>		<p>Golden Penda <i>Xanthostemon chrysanthus</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 3-5m</p> <p>Native to NQ, this tree has lush green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. A lower growing tree good for small yards and under powerlines. Golden pendas grow well in most soils and appreciate enrichment with compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Tuckeroo <i>Cupaniopsis anarcadoides</i></p> <p>Ht: 10m W: 4-6m</p> <p>Native to coastal areas of North Qld this great shade tree has with lush green leaves, yellow flowers in winter followed by orange berries that attract birds. Drought tolerant once established, it thrives in full sun in most soil types.</p>		<p>Ivory Curl Tree <i>Buckinghamia celissima</i></p> <p>Ht: 6-10m W: to 4m</p> <p>Ornamental native tree with glossy green leaves and cream scented flowers. Birds, bees and butterflies love these flowers. Flowers are followed by small woody seed pods. Suitable to use as a street tree.</p>
	<p>Spanish Cherry <i>Mimusops elengi</i></p> <p>Ht: to 15m W: to 10m</p> <p>Native coastal tree with glossy, dark green leaves and a dense rounded canopy. Thrives in coastal conditions. It's ream flowers and red fruit attract birds and butterflies.</p>		<p>Christmas Palm <i>Adonidia merillii</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m</p> <p>Compact solitary palm that self- cleans. A highly ornamental palm it grows in full sun in moist, free draining soils.</p>
	<p>Foxtail Palm <i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i></p> <p>Ht: to 10m</p> <p>Striking solitary palm from Far North Qld. Feathery leaves and a slender grey trunk, this palm grows in full sun in sandy through to clay soils. Self-cleaning</p>		<p>Weeping Paperbark <i>Melaleuca leucodendron</i></p> <p>Ht: up to 15m W: 5m</p> <p>Native tree with weeping grey-green foliage and white papery bark, great for larger yards as a feature tree. Grows in full sun in most soil types. Has a long flowering period that attracts birds and bees.</p>
	<p>Brown Gardenia <i>Atractocarpus fitzleri</i></p> <p>Ht: 6m W: 4m</p> <p>Tropical small tree native to coastal areas, it has lightly fragrant white flowers and edible fruit. Dark glossy leaves and a naturally rounded canopy make a great screen or wind break.</p>		<p>Cottonwood <i>Hibiscus tilleaceous</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 4m</p> <p>Native to coastal areas this hibiscus has dark heart shaped leaves contrasted with bright yellow flowers. It can be used a screen, hedged or shaped into beautiful specimen trees. The cottonwood tolerates windy, salty conditions and most soil types in full sun.</p>

Screens / Hedging

	<p>Callistemon 'Slim' <i>Callistemon sp.</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 1.3m 80cm spacings</p> <p>A great hardy hedge for tight spaces. Drought tolerant once established, this bottlebrush flowers with classic red flowers throughout Spring and Summer. It tolerates tough coastal conditions in sandy through to clay soils. Prune after flowering to shape and encourage more flowers.</p>		<p>Lavender Lights <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.5m W: 1-1.5m 75cm spacings</p> <p>A dense, small shrub with silvery grey - green leaves great for hedges or as a feature plant. Pink/lavender flowers throughout spring and summer. Full sun for best flowering. Prune to encourage bushy shape.</p>
	<p>Lily Pilly <i>Syzygium australe</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5 - 4m W: 1-2m 1m spacings</p> <p>North Qld's favourite hedge. Dense, fast growing with dark green leaves, white flowers and edible red berries. Lily pillys come in many sizes to suit your needs- heights range from 1.5m to 6m so check with our team to get the best match for your situation.</p>		<p>Little Dugald <i>Metrosideros collina</i></p> <p>H: 1-2m W: 1m 50cm spacings</p> <p>Wind and salt tolerant, Little Dugald is a very versatile low to medium sized hedge or screen. Masses of red flowers appear during spring. Prune lightly after flowering to keep it's bushy shape.</p>

Shrubs

	<p>Green Island Fig <i>Ficus microcarpa</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native shrub with glossy green, compact foliage, Ficus Green Island is drought, salt and wind tolerant and a great option for low shrubs in a coastal garden.</p>		<p>Coastal Rosemary <i>Westringia species</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-2m W: 1m</p> <p>Native (many varieties) loved by birds and bees. These shrubs are drought tolerant with fine green to grey foliage, can be clipped into neat hedges or balls or left to grow as nature intended. Flowers are white or purple.</p>
	<p>Gardenia <i>Gardenia sp.</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.5m W: 1-1.5m</p> <p>Ornamental shrub with glossy dark green leaves and fragrant white flowers. Salt tolerant. Can be used for low hedges or as a feature plant. There are many varieties ranging from groundcover through to large shrubs.</p>		<p>Desert Star <i>Carissa ovata</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-2m W: 1-2m</p> <p>A very hardy, drought and salt tolerant shrub that is low maintenance. Desert Star has dark green, rounded glossy foliage with small white star shaped flowers and edible fruit (natal plums).</p>
	<p>Apple Blossom <i>Raphiolepis indica</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.2m W: 0.8m</p> <p>A great choice for coastal gardens, Apple Blossom has a dense rounded shape with leathery green leaves and pink star shaped flowers. It is drought and salt tolerant, perfect for low hedges.</p>		<p>Ixora <i>Ixora sp.</i></p> <p>Ht: 0.5-2m W: 0.5-2m</p> <p>Ixoras are a landscaping staple of the tropics; hardy, low maintenance shrubs in a range of colours from dwarf varieties to shrubs. Bird and butterfly attracting flowers add a great pop of colour to a garden.</p>



Grasses



Lomandra species

Lomandra sp.

Ht: 30-100cm
W: 30-100cm

Lomandras vary in foliage width, colour and height. From bright green compact varieties to silvery grey fine leaf varieties. Lomandra are drought tolerant and help prevent erosion. They also attract smaller birds such as finches.



Dietes bicolour

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Ht: 1m
W: 1m

Dietes bicolour is a clumping perennial iris with strappy leaves and yellow flowers. It is a very hardy plant that does well in coastal conditions. It requires little care once established.



Dianella Silver Streak

Dianella hybrida

Ht:50-60cm
W:50-60cm

A striking native plant, great for borders and mass planting. It enjoys full sun to light shade and is a great colour contrast in the garden. Dianella Silver streak has purple flowers followed by dark fruit. Drought tolerant once established it thrives in coastal conditions.



Spider Lily

Hymenocallis sp.

Ht:80cm
W:1m

A tropical clumping plant with green strappy foliage and tall stems of large white flowers. Will grow in sun or shade under trees, great as a border. Very hardy, great for those wetter spots in the garden. Broad and thin leaf varieties available.

Groundcovers



Cousin It

Casuarina glauca

Ht:10-30cm
W: 1m

Native groundcover with dense needle like foilage that cascades making it great for retaining walls and ground cover.



Creeping Boobialla

Myoporum parvifolium

Ht:10-30cm
W: 1m

Native groundcover with dense green mat-like growth, it has bright green semi-succulent leaves and small white flowers. Prefers well drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.

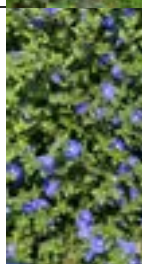


Groundcover Gardenia

Gardenia radicans

Ht:30-50cm
W: 1m

Dark green, glossy foliage with fragrant white flowers. Its spreading growth habit makes it great for mass planting as a ground cover. Responds well to trimming.



Blue Eyes

Evolvulus pillosus

Ht:30cm
W: 30-60cm

A hardy ground cover with silvery grey foliage and blue flowers. This tough plant softens borders and adds a pop of colour.



Baby Sunrose

Aptenia cordifolia

Ht:10cm
W: 1m

Succulent groundcover with thick leaves and pink flowers. Aptenia has a cascading growth habit great for retaining walls or across the ground in full sun or part shade sites. It is good for suppressing weeds as it has a dense coverage.



Feature Plants



Pandanus

Pandanus sp

With grey-green strappy (sometime spikey) foliage, twisted branches and stilt roots Pandanus are an iconic plant of coastal regions and with enough space can be a stunning feature for the garden. They are incredibly hardy and thrive in sandy soils,

Ht: 5-10m
W: 3-5m



Mauritius Hemp

Fucrea foetida

Striking variegated sword like leaves grow in a large rosette creating a dramatic architectural focal point for gardens. A drought tolerant succulent it suits full sun positions great for waterwise and coastal gardens.

Ht: 1.5m
W: 3-4m



Giant Dioon

Dioon spinulosum

An elegant, sculptural plant Giant Dioon is a slow growing cycad with a crown of stiff green fern like fronds.

Ht: 3-6m
W: 4m



Bird of Paradise

Strelitzia reginae

Large blue-grey leaves fan out from a central base on this drought and salt tolerant plant. Bird of paradise is prized for its architectural shape and low maintenance care. Bright orange flowers are long lasting colour in the garden.

Ht: 1.2-1.5m
W: 1-2m

Climbers



Star Jasmine

Trachelospermum jasminoides

Evergreen climber with fragrant star shaped flowers. Gives dense coverage of dark green foliage. Very hardy once established.



Bower of Beauty

Pandorea jasminoides

Great for trellises, fences and pergolas. It enjoys full sun to light shade and adds a soft splash of colour to the garden. Bower of Beauty has glossy green foliage and produces abundant pink, bell-shaped flowers with deep rose throats.



Bougainvillea

Bougainvillea sp.

A classic staple of tropical areas bougainvillea adds bursts of bright colour on woody, climbing stems. Dwarf varieties are easier to maintain than traditional varieties that have indeterminate growth. Dwarf varieties on average grow to 2-3m.











02

Native

Native gardens use Australian plants that are well adapted to local soils and climate. In Townsville, tropical natives provide drought tolerance, low maintenance, and excellent resilience to heat and seasonal rain. These gardens support wildlife and can range from natural bushland styles to modern, structured designs.







Trees


	<p>Ivory Curl Tree <i>Buckinghamia celissima</i></p> <p>Ht: 6-10m W: to 4m</p> <p>Ornamental native tree with glossy green leaves and cream scented flowers. Birds, bees and butterflies love these flowers. Flowers are followed by small woody seed pods. Suitable to use as a street tree.</p>		<p>Golden Penda <i>Xanthostemon chrysanthus</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 3-5m</p> <p>Native to NQ, this tree has lush green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. A lower growing tree good for small yards and under powerlines. Golden pendas grow well in most soils and appreciate enrichment with compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Tuckeroo <i>Cupaniopsis anarcadoides</i></p> <p>Ht: 10m W: 4-6m</p> <p>Native to coastal areas of North Qld this great shade tree has lush green leaves, yellow flowers in winter followed by orange berries that attract birds. Drought tolerant once established, it thrives in full sun in most soil types.</p>		<p>White Oak <i>Grevillea baileyana</i></p> <p>Ht: 6-10m W: 3-5m</p> <p>Native to NQ rainforest, White oak is a good shade or feature tree with green leaves with rusty brown undersides. Cream flowers in spring and summer attract bees, birds and butterflies. Tolerates most soil types. Fast growing.</p>
	<p>Spanish Cherry <i>Mimusops elengi</i></p> <p>Ht: to 15m W: to 10m</p> <p>Native coastal tree with glossy, dark green leaves and a dense rounded canopy. Thrives in coastal conditions. It's cream flowers and red fruit attract birds and butterflies.</p>		<p>Weeping Lily Pilly <i>Waterhousia floribunda</i></p> <p>Ht: 10m W: 5m</p> <p>A lovely shade / specimen tree for larger gardens, with gentle weeping habit and dense screening foliage. Low maintenance with its naturally tidy growth habit it can be left alone or shaped if desired. It creates habitat and supports biodiversity attracting beneficial insects, birds and butterflies.</p>
	<p>Water Gum <i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i></p> <p>Ht: 5-8m W: 3-5m</p> <p>Native to coastal areas, with lush dense canopy great for providing shade. Attractive foliage has coppery new growth, yellow flowers appear in summer. Often found along rivers and streams, this tree is a good option for wetter areas of the garden it can withstand some waterlogging.</p>		<p>Weeping Paperbark <i>Melaleuca leucodendron</i></p> <p>Ht: to 15m W: 5m</p> <p>Native tree with weeping grey-green foliage and white papery bark, great for larger yards as a feature tree. Grows in full sun in most soil types. Has a long flowering period that attracts birds and bees.</p>
	<p>Brown Gardenia <i>Atractocarpus fitzleri</i></p> <p>Ht: 6m W: 4m</p> <p>Tropical small tree native to coastal areas, it has lightly fragrant white flowers and edible fruit. Dark glossy leaves and a naturally rounded canopy make a great screen or wind break.</p>		<p>Handkerchief Tree <i>Maniltoa lenticellata</i></p> <p>Ht: 8-10m W: 4-6m</p> <p>Gorgeous medium sized flowering tree native to NQ and Torres Strait. Its rounded, dense weeping canopy provides shade. The spectacular cascade of pink/white new leaves give the tree its name. White large flowers have a fruity fragrance. A beautiful feature tree for larger yards.</p>



Screens / Hedging





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	<p>Lily Pilly <i>Syzygium australe</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5 - 4m W: 1-2m 1m spacings</p> <p>North Qld's favourite hedge. Dense, fast growing with dark green leaves, white flowers and edible red berries. Lily pillys come in many sizes to suit your needs - heights range from 1.5m to 6m so check with our team to get the best match for your situation.</p>		<p>Little Penda <i>Xanthostemon verticillatus</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.2 - 1.5m W: 1-2m 80cm spacings</p> <p>Low-medium sized shrub good for hedges and screens. Masses of fluffy cream flowers appear throughout the year on the glossy green foliage. Prune lightly to keep it's bushy dense shape. Honey eaters bees and butterflies are attracted to the flowers. Native to rainforest of NQ.</p>

Shrubs

	<p>Green Island Fig <i>Ficus microcarpa</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native shrub with glossy green, compact foliage, Ficus Green Island is drought, salt and wind tolerant and a great option for low shrubs in a native garden. Can be hedged.</p>		<p>Grevillea Coconut Ice <i>Grevillea bipinnatifida hybrid</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5m W: 1-1.5m</p> <p>Grevillea Coconut Ice is a low maintenance medium sized shrub. Masses of pink-orange flowers appear throughout the year. Prune lightly after flowering to keep it's bushy shape and encourage more flowers. Tolerant of most soil types. Sensitive to fertilizer so ensure you use native or low phosphorus types.</p>
	<p>Townsville Wattle <i>Acacia leptostachya</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5m W: 1.5m</p> <p>Small to medium size shrub with silvery - green leaves, open growth habit and bright yellow flower spikes that appear from June to August. It is drought tolerant and great in open dry spots in the garden. Attracts insects and birds.</p>		<p>Claret Tops <i>Melaleuca linarifolia</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5m W: 1m</p> <p>Light grey-green foliage with contrasting red new growth on a rounded versatile shrub that can be used for hedging, topiary or left wild to do its own thing. Claret tops is a hardy plant that can be a feature in any garden. Grows well in most soil types with low water requirement once established.</p>
	<p>Leptospermum Cardwell <i>Leptospermum flavescens</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 3m</p> <p>Dense, weeping shrub great for screening. Fine green leaves with masses of white flowers in winter. Fast growing responds well to trimming. Drought tolerant once established. Birds and bees love these flowers.</p>		<p>Callistemon Pink Alma <i>Callistemon viminalis pink alma</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5-2m W: 1-1.5m</p> <p>Compact bottlebrush with well branched, semi weeping habit. Flowers with soft pink brushes in Autumn through to spring. Drought tolerant once established, grows well in most soil types including clay and sandy soils.</p>



Grasses

	<p>Mat Rush <i>Lomandra longifolia</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native with thick green, strappy foliage. It provides soil stability and habitat for small birds. Butterflies are attracted to the cream flower heads. A very hardy drought tolerant plant.</p>		<p>Dianella Silver Streak <i>Dianella hybrida</i></p> <p>Ht:60cm W:60cm</p> <p>Great for borders and mass planting. It enjoys full sun to light shade and is a great colour contrast in the garden. Dianella Silver streak has purple flowers followed by dark fruit. Drought tolerant once established. Thrives in coastal conditions.</p>
	<p>Swamp Foxtail Grass <i>Pennisetum nafray</i></p> <p>Ht: 60cm W: 60cm</p> <p>A tufted native grass with fine foliage. Feathery flowerheads appear from summer to autumn. Drought tolerant once established. Works well as a border planting or mass planted.</p>		<p>Lomandra Dalliance <i>Lomandra longifolia Dalliance</i></p> <p>Ht:60cm W:60cm</p> <p>Compact upright strappy leaves with vibrant green colouring. Great for borders and mass planting. Low water requirement once established.</p>

Groundcovers

	<p>Cousin It <i>Casuarina glauca</i></p> <p>Ht:10-30cm W: 1m</p> <p>Native groundcover with dense needle like foilage that cascades making it great for retaining walls and ground cover.</p>		<p>Creeping Boobiolla <i>Myoporum parvifolium</i></p> <p>Ht:10-30cm W: 1m</p> <p>Native groundcover with dense green mat-like growth, it has bright green semi-succulent leaves and small white flowers. Prefers well drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>
	<p>White Star <i>Gardenia psidioides</i></p> <p>Ht:30-70cm W:up to 2m</p> <p>Native groundcover with dense green foliage it produces star-shaped white flowers that sit above the leaves. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>		<p>Groundcover Grevillea <i>Grevillea sp</i></p> <p>Ht:10-30cm W:up to 2m</p> <p>Native groundcover that form a dense mat with bright bird attracting flowers. There are many varieties in a great range of colours. They grow best in free draining soils. Use Native specific fertiliser.</p>



Feature Plants



Queensland Bottle Tree Ht:10m
W:5m
Brachychiton rupestris

Native tree with distinctive swollen bottle-shaped trunk and a broad rounded canopy, it has narrow green leaves and produces small cream to yellow bell-shaped flowers. Drought tolerant and will grow in difficult conditions.



Melaleuca Candy Sparkles Ht:5m
W:2m
Melaleuca viridiflora hybrid

Small tree / large shrub with stunning dark pink bottle brush flowers with golden stamens. Candy Sparkles has a silvery grey broad leaf and a rounded growth habit. Pruning after flowering to keep the tree neat and encourages more flowers. Attracts Birds and insects.



Illawarra Flame Tree Ht: 8-10m
W:5m
Brachychiton acerifolius

Australian native tree with bright green foliage and an upright conical shape, it produces masses of brilliant red bell-shaped flowers that cover the tree when in bloom. Prefers well-drained soils. Drought tolerant. Deciduous.



Grass Tree
Xanthorrea johnsonii

Iconic Australian plant with a dense tuft of long, arching grass-like leaves emerging from a thickened trunk, it produces tall flowering spikes that rise dramatically above the foliage. Prefers well-drained soils.

Creepers



Bower of Beauty
Pandorrea jaminoides

Great for trellises, fences and pergolas. It enjoys full sun to light shade and adds a soft splash of colour to the garden. Bower of Beauty has glossy green foliage and produces abundant pink, bell-shaped flowers with deep rose throats.



Fraser Island Creeper
Tecomanthe

Vigorous tropical climber with glossy green foliage and a lush, spreading habit, it produces clusters of tubular pink flowers along the stems. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.



Birdwing Butterfly Vine
Aristolochia tagala

Tropical climbing vine with lush green, heart-shaped leaves and a vigorous spreading habit, it produces unusual tubular flowers. Host plant for four species of butterfly most notably birdwing butterflies. Prefers well-drained soils. Moderate water use.









03

Cottage

Cottage gardens are informal, colourful, and full of character. They mix flowers, shrubs, and herbs in layered, free-flowing plantings. In a tropical climate, plant selection is important to prevent overgrowth and encourage airflow. While you may not be able to grow lavender or tulips as they can in colder climates there are still plenty of gorgeous free flowering plants to choose from.



Trees

	<p>Pink Trumpet Tree <i>Tabebuia palmeri</i></p> <p>Ht: 4-6m W: to 4m</p> <p>Deciduous ornamental tree with soft green foliage and an open rounded canopy, it produces large clusters of pale pink trumpet-shaped flowers in spring. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>		<p>Golden Penda <i>Xanthostemon chrysanthus</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 3-5m</p> <p>Native to NQ, this tree has lush green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. A lower growing tree good for small yards and under powerlines. Golden pendas grow well in most soils and appreciate enrichment with compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Bayswater Pink Crepe Myrtle <i>Lagerstroemia indica hybrid</i></p> <p>Ht: 10m W: 4-6m</p> <p>A stunning ornamental tree that puts on a great display of bright pink flowers during spring and summer. This crepe myrtle thrives in the tropics and is drought tolerant once established. It is also tolerant of poor soil conditions. Deciduous in winter.</p>		<p>Weeping Lilly Pilly <i>Waterhousia floribunda</i></p> <p>Ht: 4-10m W: 3-8m</p> <p>Australian native tree with glossy green foliage and a graceful weeping habit, it produces clusters of small white flowers followed by decorative berries. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>
	<p>Spanish Cherry <i>Mimusops elengi</i></p> <p>Ht: to 15m W: to 8m</p> <p>Native coastal tree with glossy, dark green leaves and a dense rounded canopy. Thrives in coastal conditions. It's cream flowers and red fruit attract birds and butterflies.</p>		<p>Melaleuca Candy Sparkles <i>Melaleuca viridiflora hybrid</i></p> <p>Ht: 4m W: 2m</p> <p>Small tree / large shrub with stunning dark pink bottle brush flowers with golden stamens. Candy Sparkles has a silvery grey broad leaf and a rounded growth habit. It Pruning after flowering to keeps the tree neat and encourages more flowers. Attracts Birds and insects.</p>
	<p>Little Evodia <i>Mellicope rubra</i></p> <p>Ht: to 6m W: 3-4m</p> <p>Australian native shrub, with glossy green foliage with an open habit, it produces clusters of bright pink flowers along its branches that attract birds and insects. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy. Host plant for the Ulyses Butterfly.</p>		<p>Weeping Paperbark <i>Melaleuca leucodendron</i></p> <p>Ht: up to 15m W: 5m</p> <p>Native tree with weeping grey-green foliage and white papery bark, great for larger yards as a feature tree. Grows in full sun in most soil types. Has a long flowering period that attracts birds and bees.</p>
	<p>Brown Gardenia <i>Atractocarpus fitzleri</i></p> <p>Ht: 6m W: 4m</p> <p>Tropical small tree native to coastal areas, it has lightly fragrant white flowers and edible fruit. Dark glossy leaves and a naturally rounded canopy make a great screen or wind break.</p>		<p>Ivory Curl Tree <i>Buckinghamia celissima</i></p> <p>Ht: 8m W: 4m</p> <p>Native to coastal areas this hibiscus has dark heart shaped leaves contrasted with bright yellow flowers. It can be used a screen, hedged or shaped into beautiful specimen trees. The cottonwood tolerates windy, salty conditions and most soil types in full sun.</p>



Screens / Hedging



Yesterday Today Tomorrow

Ht: 3m
W: 1.5m
1m spacings

Evergreen shrub with lush green foliage and a rounded habit, it produces fragrant flowers that open purple, fade to lavender, and finally turn white over several days. A good option for screening and hedging. Prefers well-drained soils. Hardy once established.



Lavender Lights
Leucophyllum frutescens

Ht: 1-1.5m
W: 1-1.5m
75cm spacings

A dense, small shrub with silvery grey - green leaves great for hedges or as a feature plant. Pink/lavender flowers throughout spring and summer. Full sun for best flowering. Prune to encourage bushy shape.



Lily Pilly
Syzygium australe

Ht: 1.5 - 4m
W: 1-2m
1m spacings

North Qld's favourite hedge. Dense, fast growing with dark green leaves, white flowers and edible red berries. Lily pillys come in many sizes to suit your needs- heights range from 1.5m to 6m so check with our team to get the best match for your situation.



Little Penda
Xanthostemon verticillaris

H: 1-2m
W: 1m

Little Penda is a low-medium sized shrub good for hedges and screens. Masses of fluffy cream flowers appear throughout the year on the glossy green foliage. Prune lightly to keep it's bushy dense shape. Honey eaters bees and butterflies are attracted to the flowers. Native to rainforest of NQ.

Shrubs



Little Dugald
Metrosideros collina

Ht: 1m
W: 1m

Wind and salt tolerant, Little Dugald is a very versatile low to medium sized hedge or screen. Masses of red flowers appear during spring. Prune lightly after flowering to keep it's bushy shape.



Pink Penda
Xanthostemon verugdonis

Ht: 3m
W: 2m

Beautiful tropical shrub with glossy green foliage and a dense rounded shape, it produces large clusters of bright pink fluffy flowers that attract birds and pollinators. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering.



Arctic Ice
Wrightia sp

Ht: 1.2-2m
W: 1.5m

Tropical shrub with glossy green foliage and a neat rounded habit, it produces clusters of pure white flowers that contrast strongly against the leaves. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.



Flaming Beauty
Carphaelia kirondrion

Ht: 2m
W: 2m

Tropical shrub with a dense rounded habit, it produces striking clusters of bright red flowers that stand out vividly against the leaves. Prefers well-drained soils. Moderate water use.



Apple Blossom
Raphiolepis indica

Ht: 1m
W: 1m

A great choice for coastal gardens, Apple Blossom has a dense rounded shape with leathery green leaves and pink star shaped flowers. It is drought and salt tolerant, perfect for low hedges.



Grevillea Coconut Ice
Grevillea bipinnatifida hybrid

Ht: 1-1.5m
W: 1.5m

Grevillea Coconut Ice is a low maintenance medium sized shrub. Masses of pink-orange flowers appear throughout the year. Prune lightly after flowering to keep it's bushy shape and encourage more flowers. Tolerant of most soil types. Sensitive to fertilizer so ensure you use native or low phosphorus types.



Grasses



Lomandra Dalliance

Lomandra longifolia

Compact upright strappy leaves with vibrant green colouring. Great for borders and mass planting. Low water requirement once established.

Ht: 60cm
W: 60cm



Dianella Silver Streak

Dianella hybrida

A striking native plant, great for borders and mass planting. It enjoys full sun to light shade and is a great colour contrast in the garden. Dianella Silver streak has purple flowers followed by dark fruit. Drought tolerant once established it thrives in coastal conditions.

Ht: 50cm
W: 50cm



Diets Bicolour

Diets Bicolour

A clumping perennial iris with strappy leaves and yellow flowers. It is a very hardy plant that does well in coastal conditions. it requires little care once established.

Ht: 1m
W: 1m



Rain Lily

Zephranthes

Small bulbous perennial with soft green grass-like leaves and a neat clumping habit, it produces delicate star-shaped flowers in shades of white, pink or yellow, often after rain. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.

Ht: 15cm
W: 15cm

Groundcovers



Jasmine Tricolour

Trachleospermum sp

Evergreen climber that works well as a groundcover, it has glossy green foliage that flushes bronze and cream for a tricolour effect, and produces small fragrant white flowers. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.

Ht: 50cm
W: 1m



Cuphea

Cuphea hyssopifolia

Small evergreen shrub with fine green foliage and a compact mounding habit, it produces masses of small flowers in shades of pink, purple or white for much of the year. Prefers well-drained soils.

Ht: 30-50cm
W: 30cm



Groundcover Gardenia

Gardenia radicans

Dark green, glossy foliage with fragrant white flowers. Its spreading growth habit makes it great for mass planting as a ground cover. Responds well to trimming.

Ht: 30-50cm
W: 1m



Groundcover Grevillea

Grevillea sp

Native groundcover that form a dense mat with bright bird attracting flowers. There are many varieties in a great range of colours. They grow best in free draining soils. Use Native specific fertiliser.

Ht: 10-30cm
W: up to 2m



Blue Eyes

Evolvulus pilosis

A hardy ground cover with silvery grey foliage and blue flowers. This tough plant softens borders and adds a pop of colour.

Ht: 30cm
W: 30-60cm



Feature Plants



Handkerchief Tree

Maniltoa lenticellata

Ht: 8-10m
W: 4-6m

Gorgeous medium sized flowering tree native to NQ and Torres Strait. Its rounded, dense weeping canopy provides shade. The spectacular cascade of pink/white new leaves give the tree its name. White large flowers have a fruity fragrance. A beautiful feature tree for larger yards.



Cassia Rainbow Showers

Cassia nealiae hybrid

Ht: 10m
W: 6m

A stunning tropical tree with spreading canopy, great for creating shade. Rainbow Showers is named for its beautiful long racemes of multi coloured flowers that appear throughout the year, especially in the warmer months. This tree needs a lot of room to grow and should be planted away from utilities and infrastructure.



Diamonds in the Dark

Crepe Myrtle Lagerstroemia

Ht: 3m
W: 2.5m

Native to Asia and widely grown in Australia, this ornamental shrub has deep purple to near-black foliage and masses of white, purple or pink flowers through summer. Grows well in most well-drained soils and benefits from compost and organic matter.

* Semi deciduous in winter



Little Gem

Magnolia grandiflora

Ht: 5m
W: 4m

Native to the southern United States, this compact magnolia has glossy dark green leaves and large, fragrant creamy-white flowers in spring and summer. A small, upright tree ideal for gardens, screening, and under powerlines. Grows well in most well-drained soils and benefits from compost and organic matter. Moderate water use.

Creepers



Bower of Beauty

Pandorea jasminoides

Great for trellises, fences and pergolas. It enjoys full sun to light shade and adds a soft splash of colour to the garden. Bower of Beauty has glossy green foliage and produces abundant pink, bell-shaped flowers with deep rose throats.



Purple Passion

Petrea volubilis

Native to Central America considered a tropical equivalent to wisteria. This plant has rough green leaves and cascades of purple-violet flowers that attract birds and butterflies. A vigorous climbing shrub ideal for pergolas, fences, and trellises. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Drought tolerant once established. Responds well to pruning.



Bougainvillea

Bougainvillea (many varieties)

A classic staple of tropical areas bougainvillea adds bursts of bright colour on woody, climbing stems. Dwarf varieties are easier to maintain than traditional varieties that have indeterminate growth. Dwarf varieties on average grow to 2-3m.













04

Formal





Formal gardens are structured and symmetrical, with strong lines and defined shapes. Hedging, repeated plantings, and clear pathways create order and elegance. In tropical climates, careful plant choice and regular maintenance are essential to maintain clean lines and prevent rapid growth from becoming unruly.









Trees

	<p>Olive tree <i>Olea sp.</i></p> <p>Ht: 4-6m W: to 4m</p> <p>Bushy grey/ green foliage with an open airy canopy. The trunk of the tree becomes twisted and gnarly with age. Olives are grown as an ornamental tree in the tropics as fruiting is less reliable in a tropical climate. Olives love full sun and free draining soils.</p>		<p>Golden Penda <i>Xanthostemon chrysanthus</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 3-5m</p> <p>Native to NQ, this tree has lush green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. A lower growing tree good for small yards and under powerlines. Golden pendas grow well in most soils and appreciate enrichment with compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Bayswater Pink Crepe Myrtle <i>Lagerstroemia indica hybrid</i></p> <p>Ht: 10m W: 4-6m</p> <p>A stunning ornamental tree that puts on a great display of bright pink flowers during spring and summer. This crepe myrtle thrives in the tropics and is drought tolerant once established. It is also tolerant of poor soil conditions. Deciduous in winter.</p>		<p>Weeping Rosewood <i>Pterocarpus indicus</i></p> <p>Ht: 10m W: 8m</p> <p>A large, spreading shade tree best suited to parks and large yards away from powerlines. This tree has glossy green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. Grows well in deep, well-drained soils and benefits from compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Spanish Cherry <i>Mimusops elengi</i></p> <p>Ht: to 15m W: to 10m</p> <p>Native coastal tree with glossy, dark green leaves and a dense rounded canopy. Thrives in coastal conditions. It's cream flowers and red fruit attract birds and butterflies.</p>		<p>Flowering Ash <i>Fraxinus griffithii</i></p> <p>Ht: 4-6m W: 3m</p> <p>Native to China and the Philippines, this evergreen tree has soft green foliage and sprays of fragrant creamy-white flowers in spring that attract birds. A small to medium tree ideal for gardens, streetscapes, and under powerlines.</p>
	<p>Little Gem <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 3-4m</p> <p>Native to the southern United States, this compact magnolia has glossy dark green leaves and large, fragrant creamy-white flowers. A small, upright tree ideal for small gardens, screening, and under powerlines. Grows well in most well-drained soils and benefits from compost and organic matter. Moderate water use.</p>		<p>Water Gum <i>Tristaniopsis luscious</i></p> <p>Ht: to 10m W: 5m</p> <p>This attractive evergreen tree has dense, glossy green foliage and small cream flowers that attract birds and insects. A medium tree ideal for gardens and streetscapes. Grows well in most soils and appreciates enrichment with compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established but is also a good choice for wet areas of the garden, can tolerate brief inundation.</p>
	<p>Brown Gardenia <i>Atractocarpus fitzleri</i></p> <p>Ht: 6m W: 4m</p> <p>Tropical small tree native to coastal areas, it has lightly fragrant white flowers and edible fruit. Dark glossy leaves and a naturally rounded canopy make a great screen or wind break.</p>		<p>Cottonwood <i>Hibiscus tilleaceous</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 4m</p> <p>Native to coastal areas this hibiscus has dark heart shaped leaves contrasted with bright yellow flowers. It can be used a screen, hedged or shaped into beautiful specimen trees. The cottonwood tolerates windy, salty conditions and most soil types in full sun.</p>

Screens / Hedging





	<p>Mock Orange <i>Murraya paniculata</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 1.5m 1m spacings</p> <p>Native to Southeast Asia and widely grown in Australia, this compact evergreen plant has glossy green leaves and highly fragrant white flowers that attract birds. Suitable as a medium shrub or dense hedge. Grows well in most soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>Lavender Lights <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.5m W: 1-1.5m 75cm spacings</p> <p>A dense, small shrub with silvery grey - green leaves great for hedges or as a feature plant. Pink/lavender flowers throughout spring and summer. Full sun for best flowering. Prune to encourage bushy shape.</p>
	<p>Lily Pilly <i>Syzygium australe</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5 - 4m W: 1-2m 1m spacings</p> <p>North Qld's favourite hedge. Dense, fast growing with dark green leaves, white flowers and edible red berries. Lily pillys come in many sizes to suit your needs- heights range from 1.5m to 6m so check with our team to get the best match for your situation.</p>		<p>Little Dugald <i>Metrosideros collina</i></p> <p>H: 1-2m W: 1m</p> <p>Wind and salt tolerant, Little Dugald is a very versatile low to medium sized hedge or screen. Masses of red flowers appear during spring. Prune lightly after flowering to keep it's bushy shape.</p>

Shrubs

	<p>Green Island Fig <i>Ficus microcarpa</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native shrub with glossy green, compact foliage, Ficus Green Island is drought, salt and wind tolerant and a great option for low shrubs in a coastal garden.</p>		<p>Desert Star <i>Carissa ovata</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-2m W: 1-2m</p> <p>A very hardy, drought and salt tolerant shrub that is low maintenance. Desert Star has dark green, rounded glossy foliage with small white star shaped flowers and edible fruit (natal plums).</p>
	<p>Snow Maiden <i>Raphiolepis</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native to Asia and well suited to Australian conditions, this compact evergreen plant has glossy green foliage and masses of soft white flowers in spring that attract birds. A low-growing shrub ideal for borders, hedging, and small gardens. Grows well in most soils with added compost. Drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>Min-a-Min <i>Murraya sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>This compact evergreen plant has dense green foliage and small white fragrant flowers that attract butterflies. A small shrub ideal for low hedging, borders, and garden beds. Grows well in most soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Little Emerald <i>Tabernaemontana</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.2m W: 1m</p> <p>Native to tropical regions of Asia, this compact evergreen shrub has glossy dark green foliage and small white flowers. A neat, low-growing plant ideal for hedging, borders, and small gardens. Moderate water use.</p>		<p>Little Dinky <i>Murraya sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 0.5m W: 0.5m</p> <p>This compact evergreen plant has dense green foliage and small white fragrant flowers that attract butterflies. A small shrub ideal for low hedging, borders, and garden beds. Grows well in most soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>



Grasses

	<p>Lomandra Dalliance <i>Lomandra longifolia Dalliance</i></p> <p>Ht:60cm W:60cm</p> <p>Compact upright strappy leaves with vibrant green colouring. Great for borders and mass planting. Low water requirement once established. Flowers and seed heads attract birds and insects.</p>		<p>Rain Lily <i>Zephyranthes</i></p> <p>Ht:15cm W:15cm</p> <p>Small bulbous perennial with soft green grass-like leaves and a neat clumping habit, it produces delicate star-shaped flowers in shades of white, pink or yellow, often after rain. Prefers well-drained soils.</p>
	<p>Liriope <i>Liriope</i></p> <p>Ht:30-40cm W:30-40cm</p> <p>Native to East Asia and widely grown in Australia, this hardy plant has narrow, grass-like green leaves and spikes of purple to white flowers in summer. A low-growing clumping plant ideal for borders, mass planting, and under trees.</p>		<p>Spider Lily <i>Hymenocallis sp.</i></p> <p>Ht:80cm W:1m</p> <p>A tropical clumping plant with green strappy foliage and tall stems of large white flowers. Will grow in sun or shade under trees, great as a border. Very hardy, great for those wetter spots in the garden. Broad and thin leaf varieties available.</p>

Groundcovers

	<p>Cousin It <i>Casuarina glauca</i></p> <p>Ht:10-30cm W: 1m</p> <p>Native groundcover with dense needle like foilage that cascades making it great for retaining walls and ground cover.</p>		<p>Creeping Boobiolla <i>Myoporum parvifolium</i></p> <p>Ht:10-30cm W: 1m</p> <p>Native groundcover with dense green mat-like growth, it has bright green semi-succulent leaves and small white flowers. Prefers well drained soils.</p>
	<p>Groundcover Gardenia <i>Gardenia radicans</i></p> <p>Ht:30-50cm W: 1m</p> <p>Dark green, glossy foliage with fragrant white flowers. Its spreading growth habit makes it great for mass planting as a ground cover. Responds well to trimming.</p>		<p>Cuphea <i>Cuphea</i></p> <p>Ht:30-40cm W: 30cm</p> <p>Small evergreen shrub with fine green foliage and a compact mounding habit, it produces masses of small flowers in shades of pink, purple or white for much of the year. Prefers well-drained soils.</p>
	<p>Dwarf Baeckea <i>Baeckea virgata</i></p> <p>Ht:0.5-1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native to Australia, this hardy shrub has fine, soft green foliage and masses of small white to pale pink flowers that attract insects. A compact, low-growing plant ideal for borders, rockeries, and mass planting. Grows well in most well-drained soils. Low water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		



Feature Plants



Pencil Pine

Cupressus sempervirens

Ht: 10m
W: 2m

Native to the Mediterranean region, this narrow evergreen conifer has dense dark green foliage and a tall, columnar form. Ideal for formal gardens, feature planting, and screening where space is limited. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Low to moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.



Topiary Standard

Syzygium australe

Native to eastern Australia, this evergreen plant has glossy green foliage and small white flowers followed by decorative berries that attract birds. Grown as a clipped standard, it is ideal for formal gardens, driveways, and pots. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Moderate water use.
Alternative: *Ficus microcarpa*



Silver Plum Bromeliad

Alcantarea

Ht: 1m
W: 1m

Native to eastern Brazil and well suited to tropical gardens, this striking plant has broad silver-plum foliage forming a large rosette. A bold feature plant ideal for gardens, pots, and mass planting. Grows well in well-drained soils with added organic matter. Low water use, drought tolerant once established.



Giant Dioon

Dioon spinulosum

Ht: 3-6m
W: 4m

An elegant, sculptural plant Giant Dioon is a slow growing cycad with a crown of stiff green fern like fronds.

Creepers



Star Jasmine

Trachelospermum jasminoides

Evergreen climber with fragrant star shaped flowers. Gives dense coverage of dark green foliage. Very hardy once established.



Purple Passion

Petrea volubilis

Native to Central America considered a tropical equivalent to wisteria. This plant has rough green leaves and cascades of purple-violet flowers that attract birds and butterflies. A vigorous climbing shrub ideal for pergolas, fences, and trellises. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Drought tolerant once established. Responds well to pruning.

05

Tropical





Tropical gardens are lush, layered, and vibrant, designed to thrive in heat and humidity. They feature broad-leaf plants, palms, and flowering species arranged in dense plantings to create shade and cooling. Bold foliage, natural materials, and curved pathways help create a relaxed, resort-style garden that suits North Queensland conditions.






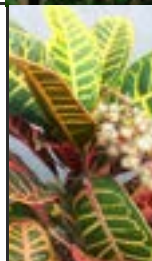


Trees

	<p>Weeping Rosewood <i>Pterocarpus indicus</i></p> <p>Ht: 8-10m W: 3-8m</p> <p>A large, spreading shade tree with weeping habit best suited to parks and large yards. This tree has glossy green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. Grows well in deep, well-drained soils and benefits from compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>Golden Penda <i>Xanthostemon chrysanthus</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 3-5m</p> <p>Native to NQ, this tree has lush green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. A lower growing tree good for small yards and under powerlines. Golden pendas grow well in most soils and appreciate enrichment with compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Golden Chain Tree <i>Lophanthera lactescens</i></p> <p>Ht: 10m W: 4-6m</p> <p>Native to South America, this attractive tree has glossy green foliage and long chains of bright yellow flowers that attract birds. A medium spreading tree ideal for larger gardens. Grows well in most soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>Weeping Lilly Pilly <i>Waterhousia floribunda</i></p> <p>Ht: 4-10m W: 3-8m</p> <p>Australian native tree with glossy green foliage and a graceful weeping habit, it produces clusters of small white flowers followed by decorative berries. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>
	<p>Frangipani <i>Plumeria sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 4-10m W: 3-6m</p> <p>Native to tropical regions of Central America and widely grown in Australia, this small tree has glossy green leaves and clusters of fragrant flowers in white, pink, yellow, or red that attract birds. A compact feature tree ideal for gardens and pots. Grows well in most soils. Low water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>Christmas Palm <i>Adonidia merillii</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m</p> <p>Compact solitary palm that self-cleans. A highly ornamental palm it grows in full sun in moist, free draining soils.</p>
	<p>Foxtail Palm <i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i></p> <p>Ht: to 10m</p> <p>Striking solitary palm from Far North Qld. Feathery leaves and a slender grey trunk, this palm grows in full sun in sandy through to clay soils. Self-cleaning</p>		<p>Bayswater Pink <i>Lagerstroemia indica hybrid</i></p> <p>Ht: 8-10m W: 5m</p> <p>A small, upright ornamental tree suited to gardens, streetscapes and feature planting. This tree has smooth mottled bark, glossy green leaves and soft pink crepe-textured flowers that attract pollinators. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Brown Gardenia <i>Atractocarpus fitzlanii</i></p> <p>Ht: 6m W: 4m</p> <p>Tropical small tree native to coastal areas, it has lightly fragrant white flowers and edible fruit. Dark glossy leaves and a naturally rounded canopy make a great screen or wind break.</p>		<p>Cottonwood <i>Hibiscus tilleaceous</i></p> <p>Ht: 5m W: 4m</p> <p>Native to coastal areas this hibiscus has dark heart shaped leaves contrasted with bright yellow flowers. It can be used a screen, hedged or shaped into beautiful specimen trees. The cottonwood tolerates windy, salty conditions and most soil types in full sun.</p>

Screens / Hedging





	<p>Red Ixora <i>Ixora williamsii</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 2m 1m spacings</p> <p>With clusters of bright red flowers that attract birds and butterflies and glossy dark green leaves this shrub is great for screening or hedging in tropical gardens. Grows well in most soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established. Prune after flowering to encourage bushy growth and repeat flowering.</p>		<p>Hot Rio Nights <i>Heliconia</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 1.5m 1m spacings</p> <p>Native to tropical regions of Central and South America, this plant has lush green foliage and bold red flowers creating a strong tropical display. With 3m height and dense foliage Hot Rio Nights creates a great privacy screen. Grows best in rich, well-drained soils with added organic matter. Moderate water use, performs best in moist conditions.</p>
	<p>Lily Pilly <i>Syzygium australe</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5 - 4m W: 1-2m 1m spacings</p> <p>North Qld's favourite hedge. Dense, fast growing with dark green leaves, white flowers and edible red berries. Lily pillys come in many sizes to suit your needs- heights range from 1.5m to 6m so check with our team to get the best match for your situation.</p>		<p>Summerscent <i>Radermachera</i></p> <p>Ht: 2-3m W: 1.5-2m 1m Spacings</p> <p>Summerscent has glossy green foliage and masses of fragrant white flowers in warmer months. A medium shrub ideal for screens and hedging. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established. Avoid planting this shrub near pipes and infrastructure.</p>

Shrubs






	<p>Green Island Fig <i>Ficus microcarpa</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native shrub with glossy green, compact foliage, Ficus Green Island is drought, salt and wind tolerant and a great option for low shrubs in a coastal garden.</p>		<p>Hibiscus <i>Hibiscus sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 2m W: 2m</p> <p>Native to tropical regions and widely grown in Australia, this popular flowering shrub has glossy green foliage and large, colourful blooms that attract birds. A medium shrub ideal for hedging and screens. Grows well in most soils. Prune well after flowering to encourage bushy growth and more flowers. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Philodendron Xanadu <i>Philodendron sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>The deeply lobed glossy green foliage of Philodendron Xanadu creates a lush tropical look. A compact, low-growing shrub ideal for borders it is a very hardy low maintenance plant.</p>		<p>Croton <i>Codiaeum sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 2m W: 2m</p> <p>Native to tropical Asia, Crotons have bold, glossy foliage in shades of red, yellow, orange, and green. A medium shrub ideal for hedging, screening, and feature planting. Grows well in most soils but appreciates added compost or organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Cordyline <i>Cordyline sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 2m W: 1m</p> <p>Native to tropical regions of Asia and the Pacific, this colourful plant is a tropical garden staple. It has upright foliage in shades of green, red, pink, or purple. A versatile plant ideal for feature planting, and contrasting pops of colour. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>Fire Glow <i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Great for borders, pots and tropical-style gardens. It enjoys full sun to part shade and brings vibrant colour to the landscape. Fire Glow has glossy green foliage and produces bright orange, fan-shaped flowers over a long season. Drought tolerant once established. Thrives in warm, humid conditions.</p>



Grasses

	<p>Liriope <i>Liriope</i></p> <p>Native to East Asia and widely grown in Australia, this hardy plant has narrow, grass-like green leaves and spikes of purple flowers in summer. A low-growing clumping plant ideal for borders, mass planting, and under trees.</p> <p>Ht: 30-40cm W: 30-40cm</p>		<p>Variegated Mondo Grass <i>Ophiopogon sp</i></p> <p>This compact plant has narrow, arching green leaves with creamy white variegation, a great colour contrast. A low-growing groundcover ideal for borders, mass planting, and under trees.</p> <p>Ht: 30-40cm W: 30-40cm</p>
	<p>Crinum Wine Time <i>Crinum mehune</i></p> <p>Native to tropical regions and well suited to warm climates, this striking plant has narrow maroon leaves and deep wine-coloured striped flowers. A clumping feature plant ideal for gardens, borders, and mass planting. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Moderate water use.</p> <p>Ht: 30-60cm W: 30-60cm</p>		<p>Spider Lily <i>Hymenocallis sp</i></p> <p>A tropical clumping plant with green strappy foliage and tall stems of large white flowers. Will grow in sun or shade under trees, great as a border. Very hardy, great for those wetter spots in the garden. Broad and thin leaf varieties available.</p> <p>Ht:80cm W:1m</p>

Groundcovers

	<p>No Mow Grass <i>Zoysia tenuifolia</i></p> <p>Native to coastal regions of Asia and the Pacific, this fine-textured grass forms dense, soft mounds of bright green foliage. A low-growing groundcover ideal for feature areas, pathways, and minimal-mow lawns.</p> <p>Ht: 10cm W: 40cm</p>		<p>Dwarf Mondo Grass <i>Ophiopogon</i></p> <p>Widely grown in Australia, this hardy plant has narrow, dark green grass-like leaves forming dense clumps. A low-growing groundcover ideal for borders, pathways, and mass planting.</p> <p>Ht: 10cm W: 40cm</p>
	<p>Goundcover Gardenia <i>Gardenia radicans</i></p> <p>Native to coastal regions of Asia and the Pacific, this fine-textured grass forms dense, soft mounds of bright green foliage. A low-growing groundcover ideal for feature areas, pathways, and minimal-mow lawns.</p> <p>Ht: 30-50cm W: 1m</p>		<p>Cuphea <i>Cuphea</i></p> <p>Small evergreen shrub with fine green foliage and a compact mounding habit, it produces masses of small tubular flowers in shades of pink, purple or white for much of the year. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p> <p>Ht: 30-50cm W: 30cm</p>
	<p>Baby Sunrose <i>Aptenia</i></p> <p>Succulent groundcover with thick leaves and pink flowers. Aptenia has a cascading growth habit great for retaining walls or across the ground in full sun or part shade sites. It is good for supressing weeds as it has a dense coverage.</p> <p>Ht:10cm W: 1m</p>		



Feature Plants



Giant Bird of Paradise

Strelitzia nicolai

Ht:6m
W:2-3m

This bold plant has large banana-like leaves and dramatic white and blue flowers. A tall, clumping feature plant ideal for gardens, screens, and tropical landscapes. Grows best in rich, well-drained soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.



Lipstick Palm

Cyrtostachys renda

Ht:5-6m
W:2m

Native to Southeast Asia this striking palm has vivid red trunks and glossy green fronds forming a dramatic display. A clumping palm ideal for feature planting and sheltered gardens. Grows best in rich, well-drained soils with added organic matter. Moderate to high water use, prefers consistently moist conditions.



Mauritius Hemp

Fucrea foetida

Ht: 1.5m
W: 3-4m

Striking variegated sword like leaves grow in a large rosette creating a dramatic architectural focal point for gardens. A drought tolerant succulent it suits full sun positions great for waterwise and coastal gardens.



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Ht:10m
W:6m

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Creepers



Jade Vine

Strongylodon

Native to the Philippines, this climber has glossy green foliage and hanging clusters of striking turquoise-blue flowers. A vigorous vine ideal for pergolas, trellises, and feature planting in warm climates. Grows best in rich, well-drained soils with added organic matter. Moderate water use.



Purple Passion

Petrea volubilis

Native to Central America considered a tropical equivalent to wisteria. This plant has rough green leaves and cascades of purple-violet flowers that attract birds and butterflies. A vigorous climbing shrub ideal for pergolas, fences, and trellises. Drought tolerant once established. Responds well to pruning.



Bougainvillea

Bougainvillea sp.

A classic staple of tropical areas bougainvillea adds bursts of bright colour on woody, climbing stems. Dwarf varieties are easier to maintain than traditional varieties that have indeterminate growth. Dwarf varieties on average grow to 2-3m.









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Oriental





Oriental gardens focus on balance, simplicity, and calm. Carefully selected plants, clean lines, and natural elements such as stones, gravel, and water features create a sense of order and tranquility. In the tropics, hardy foliage plants and shade-loving species are used to maintain structure and control growth.









Trees

	<p>Illawarra Flame Tree Ht: 4-6m <i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> W: to 4m</p> <p>Australian native tree with bright green foliage and an upright conical shape, it produces masses of brilliant red bell-shaped flowers that cover the tree when in bloom. Prefers well-drained soils. Drought tolerant. Deciduous.</p>		<p>Weeping Rosewood Ht: 10m <i>Pterocarpus indicus</i> W: 8m</p> <p>A large, spreading shade tree best suited to parks and large yards away from powerlines. This tree has glossy green leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract birds. Grows well in deep, well-drained soils and benefits from compost and organic matter. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Pink Trumpet Tree Ht: 10m <i>Tabebuia palmerii</i> W: 4-6m</p> <p>Deciduous ornamental tree with soft green foliage and an open rounded canopy, it produces large clusters of pale pink trumpet-shaped flowers in spring. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>		<p>Flowering Ash Ht: 4-6m <i>Fraxinus griffithii</i> W: 3m</p> <p>Native to China and the Philippines, this evergreen tree has soft green foliage and sprays of fragrant creamy-white flowers in spring that attract birds. A small to medium tree ideal for gardens, streetscapes, and under powerlines.</p>
	<p>Spanish Cherry Ht: to 15m <i>Mimusops elengi</i> W: to 10m</p> <p>Native coastal tree with glossy, dark green leaves and a dense rounded canopy. Thrives in coastal conditions. It's ream flowers and red fruit attract birds and butterflies.</p>		<p>White Trumpet Tree Ht: 6-9m <i>Tabebuia pallida</i> W: 4-6m</p> <p>Native to Central and South America and well suited to warm climates, this tree has glossy green foliage and masses of pale pink to white trumpet-shaped flowers in spring. A small to medium tree ideal for gardens, streetscapes, and feature planting. Grows well in most soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Brown Gardenia Ht: 6m <i>Attractocarpus fitzlanii</i> W: 4m</p> <p>Tropical small tree native to coastal areas, it has lightly fragrant white flowers and edible fruit. Dark glossy leaves and a naturally rounded canopy make a great screen or wind break.</p>		<p>Weeping Tea Tree Ht: 3-4m <i>Leptospermum madidum sativum</i> W: 2-3m</p> <p>Australian native tree with fine, soft green foliage and a graceful weeping habit, it produces masses of small white flowers along the slender branches. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>

Screens / Hedging

	<p>Yesterday Today Tomorrow <i>Brunfelsia latifolia</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 1.3m 80cm spacings</p> <p>A great hardy hedge for tight spaces. Drought tolerant once established, this bottlebrush flowers with classic red flowers throughout Spring and Summer. It tolerates tough coastal conditions in sandy through to clay soils. Prune after flowering to shape and encourage more flowers.</p>		<p>Lady Palm <i>Rhapis palm</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.5m W: 2m 1m spacings</p> <p>This elegant tropical palm has fan-shaped glossy green leaves on slender stems. A slow-growing, clumping palm ideal for shaded gardens, courtyards, and sheltered planting. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Creates a dense screen.</p>
	<p>Lily Pilly <i>Syzygium australe</i></p> <p>Ht: 1.5 - 4m W: 1-2m 1m spacings</p> <p>North Qld's favourite hedge. Dense, fast growing with dark green leaves, white flowers and edible red berries. Lily pillys come in many sizes to suit your needs- heights range from 1.5m to 6m so check with our team to get the best match for your situation.</p>		<p>Waterfall Plant <i>Phyllanthus multiflorus</i></p> <p>H: 1-2m W: 1m 50cm Spacings</p> <p>Wind and salt tolerant, Little Dugald is a very versatile low to medium sized hedge or screen. Masses of red flowers appear during spring. Prune lightly after flowering to keep it's bushy shape.</p>

Shrubs






	<p>Leptospermum Cardwell <i>Leptospermum flavescens</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 3m</p> <p>Dense, weeping shrub great for screening. Fine green leaves with masses of white flowers in winter. Fast growing responds well to trimming. Drought tolerant once established. Birds and bees love these flowers.</p>		<p>Dwarf Baeckea <i>Baeckea virgata</i></p> <p>Ht: 1m W: 1m</p> <p>Native to Australia, this hardy shrub has fine, soft green foliage and masses of small white to pale pink flowers that attract insects. A compact, low-growing plant ideal for borders, rockeries, and mass planting. Grows well in most well-drained soils. Low water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>
	<p>Mock Orange <i>Murraya paniculata</i></p> <p>Ht: 3m W: 1.5m</p> <p>Native to Southeast Asia and widely grown in Australia, this compact evergreen plant has glossy green leaves and highly fragrant white flowers that attract birds. Suitable as a medium shrub or dense hedge. Grows well in most soils. Moderate water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>China Pink <i>Lorapetalum</i></p> <p>Ht: 2m W: 1.5m</p> <p>A beautiful shrub with dark foliage contrasting with pink flowers. Makes a pretty hedge or great feature as the dark foliage adds drama to the garden. Prune to maintain bushy growth. Hardy once established.</p>
	<p>Apple Blossom <i>Raphiolepis indica</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.2m W: 1m</p> <p>A great choice for coastal gardens, Apple Blossom has a dense rounded shape with leathery green leaves and pink star shaped flowers. It is drought and salt tolerant, perfect for low hedges.</p>		<p>Little Emerald <i>Tabernaemontana</i></p> <p>Ht: 1-1.2m W: 1m</p> <p>Native to tropical regions of Asia, this compact evergreen shrub has glossy dark green foliage and small white flowers that are lightly fragrant and bird attracting. A neat, low-growing plant ideal for hedging, borders, and small gardens. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Moderate water use.</p>



Grasses

	<p>Little Con <i>Lomandra confertifolia</i></p> <p>Ht: 30cm W: 30cm</p> <p>A hardy plant with fine, arching green foliage forming neat clumps. A compact plant ideal for borders, mass planting, and low-maintenance gardens. Low water use, drought tolerant once established.</p>		<p>Baby Panda <i>Pogonathera ceylona</i></p> <p>Ht: 50cm W: 1m</p> <p>Native to tropical regions of Asia a compact grass-like plant with bright green foliage forming soft, rounded clumps. Small feature plant ideal for pots, borders, and sheltered gardens. Grows well in most well-drained soils with added compost. Moderate water use, prefers evenly moist conditions.</p>
	<p>Crinum Wine Time <i>Crinum mehune</i></p> <p>Ht: 40-60cm W: 40-60cm</p> <p>Native to tropical regions and well suited to warm climates, this striking plant has narrow maroon leaves and deep wine-coloured striped flowers. A clumping feature plant ideal for gardens, borders, and mass planting. Moderate water use.</p>		<p>Rain Lily <i>Zephyranthes</i></p> <p>Ht: 15cm W: 15cm</p> <p>Small bulbous perennial with soft green grass-like leaves and a neat clumping habit, it produces delicate star-shaped flowers in shades of white, pink or yellow, often after rain. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>

Groundcovers

	<p>Cousin It <i>Casuarina glauca</i></p> <p>Ht: 10-30cm W: 1m</p> <p>Native groundcover with dense needle like foliage that cascades making it great for retaining walls and ground cover.</p>		<p>No Mow Grass <i>Zoysia tenuifolia</i></p> <p>Ht: 10cm W: 1m</p> <p>Native to coastal regions of Asia and the Pacific, this fine-textured grass forms dense, soft mounds of bright green foliage. A low-growing groundcover ideal for feature areas, pathways, and minimal-mow lawns.</p>
	<p>Jasmin Tricolour <i>Trachleospermum sp</i></p> <p>Ht: 50cm W: 1m</p> <p>Evergreen climber that works well as a groundcover, it has glossy green foliage that flushes bronze and cream for a tricolour effect, and produces small fragrant white flowers. Prefers well-drained soils. Requires regular watering until established and then is very hardy.</p>		<p>Dwarf Mondo Grass <i>Ophipogon</i></p> <p>Ht: 10cm W: 40cm</p> <p>Widely grown in Australia, this hardy plant has narrow, dark green grass-like leaves forming dense clumps. A low-growing groundcover ideal for borders, pathways, and mass planting.</p>
	<p>Groundcover Gardenia <i>Gardenia radicans</i></p> <p>Ht: 30-50cm W: 1m</p> <p>Dark green, glossy foliage with fragrant white flowers. Its spreading growth habit makes it great for mass planting as a ground cover. Responds well to trimming.</p>		



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Little Gem

Magnolia grandiflora

Native to the southern United States, this compact magnolia has glossy dark green leaves and large, fragrant creamy-white flowers in spring and summer. A small, upright tree ideal for gardens, screening, and under powerlines. Grows well in most well-drained soils and benefits from compost and organic matter. Moderate water use.

Ht: 5m
W:3-4m

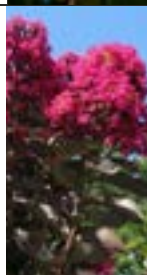


Tree Fern

Cyathea cooperi

Native to North Qld this large fern with soft, arching green fronds creates a lush tropical effect. Feature plant ideal for shaded gardens, courtyards, and near water features. Grows best in rich, well-drained soils with added organic matter. Moderate to high water use, prefers consistently moist conditions.

Ht: 3-6m
W:3-4m



Diamonds in the Dark

Crepe Myrtle Lagerstroemia

This ornamental shrub has deep purple to near-black foliage and masses of white, purple or pink flowers through summer. Grows well in most soils and benefits from compost and organic matter.

Ht: 3m
W:2.5m

* Semi deciduous in winter

Creepers



Star Jasmine

Trachelospermum jasminoides

Evergreen climber with fragrant star shaped flowers. Gives dense coverage of dark green foliage. Very hardy once established.



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Bower of Beauty

Pandorea jasminoides

Great for trellises, fences and pergolas. It enjoys full sun to light shade and adds a soft splash of colour to the garden. Bower of Beauty has glossy green foliage and produces abundant pink, bell-shaped flowers with deep rose throats.
